

were transferred from the leaves of a yellow-flowered *Cassia* sp. in their 2nd instar and turned yellow after the moult, exactly the same colour as larvae fed *ab ovo* on flowers of yellow *Cassia* sp. without any trace of pink, and this colour was maintained until pupation. The pupae were green, similar to pupae reared on leaves or yellow flowers. — D. G. SEVASTOPULO, F.R.E.S., Mombasa, 27.iii, 1981.

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HENRY J. TURNER'S CORRESPONDENCE AT THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. — A small but interesting collection (ca. 75 items) of the papers of H. J. Turner (1856-1950), lepidopterist and second editor of *The Entomologist's Record*, has been donated to the American Museum of Natural History, New York City. Among the correspondents represented are Lionel Walter Rothschild, F. W. Frohawk, Karl Jordan, Edward Step, T. A. Chapman, J. Herbert Tutt, Louis B. Prout, E. B. Purefoy, Evelyn Cheesman, Roger Verity, Ezra T. Cresson, Charles Oberthür, George Wheeler, A. F. Page, G. A. Boulenger, W. Egmont Kirby, G. T. Bethune-Baker, W. G. Sheldon, Alfred Sich, W. Junk and Rowland E. Turner.

The papers (1904-25) are most numerous from that transitional period in the *Record's* history when Turner had taken the editorship after the death of founder James W. Tutt, and some of the letters elucidate the problems encountered. Sich wrote to Turner on 9 February 1911 about the journal's financial condition, offering to contribute up to £10 immediately to help defray expenses, but cautioning that "the assistant editors will have to do a little of the work and not sit still behind the cover of the *Record*, like a consulting doctor behind his brass plate." The near collapse of the journal is illustrated by letters such as that of 6 June 1912 from J. Herbert Tutt, apologizing to Turner for recent events and explaining that he could not post the May issue as he had to pay his rent instead. From January to April he had received no money for postage, and had to conduct the mailing himself with his limited funds; he could no longer purchase the stamps unless financial conditions improved.

There is ample editorial correspondence from Turner's assumption through 1925 (in that year, an excellent letter from Verity), and other subjects are documented, such as Turner's exchange of specimens, his collections of current and antiquarian publications, the Verrall Suppers, the Entomological Club, the Wicken Fen Fund, and further concerns. Included in the papers is one lengthy letter to J. W. Tutt, a 1909 account by Oberthür's collector Harold Powell of a season's work in France, including his search for the Large Copper in Aisne.

These letters and ephemera were given to me in 1966 by E. W. Classey, Esq., and have been conveyed to the Museum as part of my personal papers and historical collections. — Dr. R. S. WILKINSON, The American Museum of Natural History, New York City, New York 10024.